

### **REMARKS**

Claims 5-17 remain pending in this application. No claims have been canceled, added or withdrawn.

#### **35 U.S.C. §112**

Claims 5, 9 and 13-17 have been amended to overcome the outstanding rejection under this section. Also, claims 6-8 and 10-12 have been amended to correct informalities.

Claims 5, 9 and 13-17 have been amended to remove the general language that the plurality of programs “run together”, and amended to recite more specifically that the plurality of programs are combined and executed by executing the connector program. There is support for this amendment in the specification with reference to, e.g., FIG. 2, steps 211 and 212, wherein the connector program is loaded and executed, as discussed in detail, e.g., at page 6, line 22, through page 12, line 5. As also set forth at page 28, lines 1-11, the connector program which allows the modules to be combined is generated according to parameters output by the navigation program, which guide the combination of modules. The connector program is stored in memory (step 210), and may then be loaded and executed under steps 211 and 212 in FIG. 2. Thus, the claims, as amended are believed to be fully supported by the specification.

Further, the amended claims remain patentable over the art of record since Wenmyr (US 5485615) and Read et al. (US 4620279) teach the generation and running of programs asynchronously, and do not teach the generation of a connector program for combining a plurality of programs, as set forth in claims 5, 9 and 13-17 of the present application. Additionally, because the claims remain directed to the same subject matter as the original claims, the present amendments are not believed to raise any new matter.

**Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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